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Construction for CTLM Addition Begins



The site for the new addition to the CTLM which began in late February. No completion deadline has been announced (Photo Courtesy of Chase Hoffman).

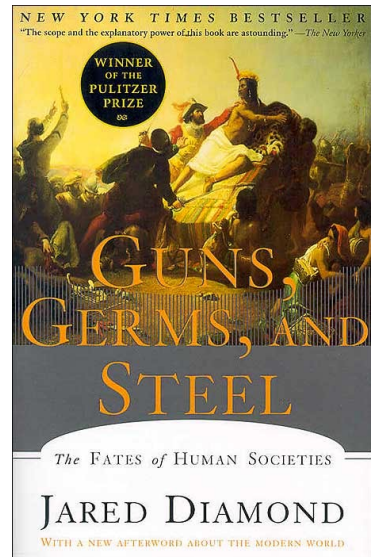
Pulitzer Author to Speak

Jared Diamond, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning, best-selling book "Guns, Germs and Steel," will speak at the Youngs' Environmental Symposium at Colorado School of Mines on April 4 at 4 p.m. in the Green Center, 924 16th Street in Golden.

Diamond will discuss his recent book, "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed," which tackles environmental questions about vanished societies, including those of Easter Island, the Anasazi, the Lowland Maya and others.

A recipient of the National Medal of Science and numerous other prestigious awards, Diamond is recognized as one of the world's most influential thinkers. He is also known as a great, thought-provoking speaker. His talk is free and open to the public.

The Youngs' Environmental Sym-



posium was established by Herbert Young, a 1939 Mines graduate, and his wife Doris.

Students Favor Smaller Employers

In a recent poll at CollegeGrad.com, the #1 Entry Level Job Site, 70% of job seekers said they would prefer working for a medium or small employer. Only 30% said they would prefer working for a large international company.

"This feedback is contrary to the generally held view that college graduates only want to work for Fortune 500 or Global 1000 companies," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. "Not only are college grads interested in small and medium size companies, they prefer them."

In their job search, students and recent grads no longer consider employer name recognition as their primary criterion. College grad job seekers are most interested in companies that will invest in them and provide growth opportunities.

"Today's graduates have seen the cyclical nature of the global and national economies," said Steven Jungman, Division Director for ChaseSource, LP. "Terms like 'downsizing,' 'furloughs,' and 'mass-layoffs' are now a part of everyone's vocabulary and are typically associated with larger firms."

Instead of only chasing the giant paycheck, graduates are now opting for jobs with growing companies who can offer competitive benefits and a balanced work life. Small and mid-size companies offer a strong work-life balance, flextime, volunteer incentive

programs and other unique benefits to attract college grads.

Some larger firms are adjusting their recruiting style to target these grads. Maureen Crawford Hentz, Diversity Recruiter for Osram Sylvania explains. "It's a whole new ball game in terms of landing our top candidates," said Hentz. "We spend a lot of time emphasizing our smaller working groups, individual professional development and the ability to move up within the company."

The recently published results of CollegeGrad.com's annual Top Entry Level Employers Survey suggest good news for today's grads. Many listed among the Top 500 are small or medium companies who are significantly increasing their hiring in 2006. The results of the poll reveal that college grad job seekers want a more personal work experience. They want to be names, not just numbers on a spreadsheet. They want opportunities to have a positive impact on their company, and to see the results.

"So if you are a medium or small employer, wondering if you can compete at the entry level with the large employers," says Krueger, "the answer is a resounding yes."

The survey was conducted nationally using an online poll placed on the CollegeGrad.com home page. The results are based on nearly 500 respondents.

Road Closure for Friday

Road Closure – Due to this week's Greek Weekend events, West Campus Road from the Pi Beta Phi Sorority to Maple street will be closed for the Soap Box Derby race from 10:30 to 12:15 on Friday, March 10.

Please note that if you are parked in the Freshmen parking lot or the dirt parking lot you will not be able to access your car during the closure.

We also advise that you not park on West Campus Road for safety of the racers and your car.

There will be no through access from Elm Street to Maple Street during the closure. We advise using Illinois Street.

The campus community is invited to watch the races at 11:00 and pick up a hot dog and chips. Come cheer on students as they race down the hill for victory.

For questions or concerns, please contact Student Activities at 303.273.3970.

ASCSM Elections Approaching

Alicia Jessop

Have you ever considered becoming involved in the Student Government of the Colorado School of Mines? Well here is your opportunity! Elections will soon be held for the following positions:

Student Body President and Vice-President
Student Representative to the Board of Trustees
Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair
Student Representative to the Golden City Council and the CSM Faculty Senate
Student Representative to the Technology Fee Committee
Student Representative to the CSM Alumni Association
Board of Publications At-Large Representative

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please attend a mandatory ASCSM meeting on Thursday, March 16th in Ballroom A of the Student Center at 7:00 PM. The election rules and guidelines will be established at this meeting.

Election Packets will be made available tomorrow, March 3 in the Student Activities Office. These packets must be returned to the Student

Activities desk by Friday, March 17 at 5 p.m. Students may begin campaigning on Sunday, March 19.

If you are interested in running for one of the student body positions (Student Body President, Vice-Presi-

dent, and Student Rep. to the BOT), fill out the questionnaires on the front of the election packet and return them to the Student Activities front desk by FRIDAY, March 17th. They will be submitted to the Oredigger for publication.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at ajessop@mines.edu

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Conference of Jewish Philosophy

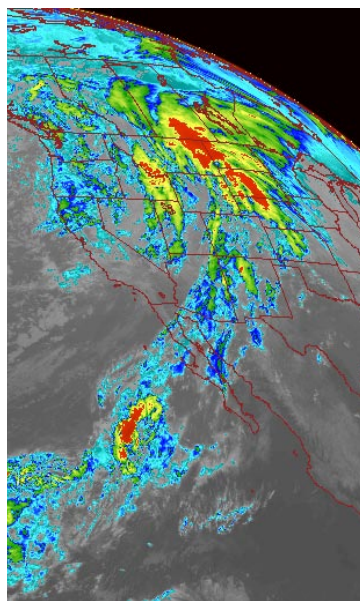
Students and scholars will have the opportunity to participate in a unique 'think-tank style' series of roundtable discussions with 10 leading scholars of Jewish philosophy and mysticism at "Decalogues: 10 Judaic Studies Scholars in Conversation," sponsored by the Center for Judaic Studies, Department of Philosophy and the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Denver.

The conference, "Where is God? Tracing the Sacred in Maimonides, Kabbalah and Modern Jewish Thought" will be held on May 15 and 16, 2006 at the Chambers Center for the Advancement of Women on the DU campus, at 1901 E. Asbury Ave.

in Denver.

The two-day event is made up of a three roundtable discussions centering around text analysis and dialogue, rather than the usual conference paper approach. The first discussion will use selected texts by Moses Maimonides as the starting voice in the conversation about God. The second will use a rich range of Jewish philosophical and mystical texts to reflect further on the "Where is God?" theme. The final discussion will explore the academic pursuit of Judaic Studies in university contexts today, and will ask participants to reflect upon the direction and future of their various fields of inquiry.

Unpredictable Weather Tortures CSM Meteorologist



On Saturday, February 25, the 1st Annual Pikes Peak Judo Championship was held in Colorado Springs and the Mines Judo Club was well represented. Michael

Koop, Philip Hynes, and Sam Barkat each took a second place in their respective divisions. Both Koop and Hynes are in their second year with the Mines Judo program and have made great strides this school year. Fresh-



Phil Hynes pinning his opponent.

Mines Goes to Judo Tourney

man Sam Barkat just came into the program this semester after beginning his judo career in his native Algeria.

Mines Judo practices every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:15-8:15pm in Steinhauer Fieldhouse and new members are always welcome.



Sam Barkat slamming his second round opponent to his back.

Wellness Day is Coming Friday

Be sure and partake in the festivities at CSM's 16th Annual Wellness Day!

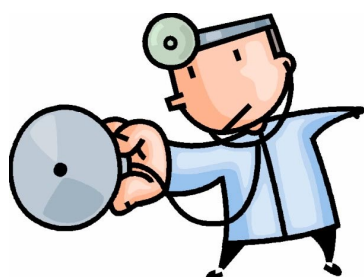
Each year, a variety of local health & wellness experts gather in the Ballrooms of the Student Center to share their wares with the CSM campus community. This event is a wonderful opportunity to sample new products, get a massage, participate in health screenings and safety demonstrations, and to just have a great time! Where else can you try acupuncture, pet a puppy, climb aboard a fire truck and see a yoga demonstration all in one place? Did I mention the free stuff?

We will continue to promote the 5 Dimensions of Wellness: Physical, Emotional, Social, Intellectual and Spiritual. We have invited vendors who represent all of these dimensions with the goal of broadening our views of Wellness. Everything from tradi-

tional and alternative medicine, safety and prevention, outdoor/indoor activity, healthy eating and responsible pet ownership will be represented. Students will be eligible to win great prizes if they visit tables representing all 5 dimensions.

Wellness Day occurs Friday, March 10th from 10:30am to 1:30pm in the Student Center Ballrooms.

We'll see you there!



SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY DAY

Tuesday, March 14 • 12:00pm - 5:00pm • Green Center

Demonstrations

- Wireline well logging - Pressure pulse telemetry - Complex fluid chemistry
- Reservoir consulting services - Reservoir modeling software
- Reservoir seismic imaging - Schlumberger Careers

Presentation

"A Look at the Energy Situation" Brian Clark, *Schlumberger Fellow*

Tuesday, March 14 • 3:00pm • Petroleum Hall

A light lunch will be served at 12:30 Raffle after the talk - tickets at demos!

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CSM Launches New Web Portal “Trailhead”

The new web portal named “Trailhead”; which was released to the CSM faculty and staff community in January, will go live for CSM students in April. The new portal will allow student’s to have access via any web browser to institutional services and student data such as class schedules, registration menus, academic history, grades, and personal records.

Other services such as the current CSM Webmail system and the course management system, Blackboard can be accessed through the web portal. However, the systems are not yet integrated and therefore users will be required to log on as they currently do to those services. As part of the comprehensive Banner conversion plan at CSM, these systems will eventually be integrated within the portal system. The campus will upgrade to

the Blackboard “Enterprise” version in the summer of 2006. When the new Enterprise version is installed students and faculty will be able to access their courses and content managed via Bb by clicking on a tab in the Trailhead web portal without requiring an additional logon. This conversion will bring yet another student and faculty service within the web portal making it easier to manage all of the various web services that are utilized on a daily basis by our campus students, faculty, and staff.

Students will register for the Fall 2006 semester via the Trailhead web portal beginning the week of April 10th. Specific information concerning the Fall registration will be forwarded to students and faculty prior to the April 10th registration period.

On tap: E-days!

Richard Diaz and Bruce Bugbee

E-Days is rapidly approaching! Only 29 days until the best time you’re going to have all year at this school. What could be better than a 3 day long party with all kinds of great events and activities to do. Free soda, cheap food, free events... the list goes on! The E-Days staff has been hard at work since last December searching high and low for the best music, comedians, and en-

tertainment. Don’t forget the firework show! I know I’ve been to firework shows in our nation’s capitol on the 4th of July, and they don’t even come close to the one at Brooks Field! Time to start getting excited for everyone’s favorite weekend.

For updated news and info, check out http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/edays/

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE FIRST PERSON ON CAMPUS TO REGISTER FOR FALL 2006?!

DO YOU WANT FREE PIZZA, SODA, AND DESSERT?!

PARTICIPATE IN MOCK REGISTRATION!

FIRST 250 STUDENTS – ELIGIBLE TO WIN PRIORITY REGISTRATION & OTHER PRIZES!

What is Mock Registration?
CSM is implementing a new student software program for registration. Mock Registration is our real-world test of this new system. Be the first to see School’s new portal, “Trailhead” and help us test this new system.

What is involved?
Participants will be asked to “mock” register for the fall 2006 semester. Upon completion of the “mock” registration, participants will be asked to fill out a short a survey. Participation is expected to take **less than 15 minutes**. Remember that this is only a test, so you will not actually be registering.

When?
Thursday March 9th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sign up for a specific time slot at one of the three locations listed below.

Where?
Check in at CTLM First Floor a few minutes before your assigned time.

Benefits?

- First 250 participants are eligible for door prizes, including:
 - Priority Registration
 - USB drives
 - CSM Memorabilia
- Pizza, soda, and dessert will be provided on a first come, first served basis

How do you get signed up? Stop by one of the following locations.

- Registrar’s Office
- Office of Graduate Studies
- Joanne Lambert’s Office in the Accounts Receivable Office

What do you need to bring?
Picture ID
Your Webmail username
Your current Student Web system password/PIN

Questions?
Please call or e-mail the Banner Help Line at: (303) 273-3201 bannerhelp@mines.edu



Everclear

concert at E-days 2006!



April 7th, 2006, 8pm

Tickets on sale through Ticketweb

<http://www.ticketweb.com> starting on March 13th at Midnight for Non-Students. Mines Students can start buying theirs April 3rd in the Student Activities Office




Do you like

FREE STUFF?!

Do you want to help make this year's E-Days rock?!

★ Volunteer!! ★

If you like T-Shirts, prizes, good times and volunteering, contact Becca at rhubis@mines.edu!

Volunteer Applications are available in the Student Activities Office!



Order of Omega New Officers



On Wednesday, March 1, the Theta Mu chapter of Order of Omega elected its new officers for the 2006 – 2007 academic year. They are VP of Programming, Beth Frontczak (Alpha Phi); Treasurer, Owen Ryan (Sigma Phi Epsilon); President, Cole Rickers (Sigma Phi Epsilon); VP of Membership, Ashlin Tucker (Pi Beta Phi); and Sectary, Sid Cox (Phi Gamma Delta). Order of Omega will be hosting a faculty appreciation luncheon on Friday, April 14. More details and official invitations will be sent soon. For more information about Order of Omega, please contact Student Activities at 303.273.3970.

Announcements

St. Jude Children's Hospital

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is looking for few good men and women to help bring the Up Til Dawn fundraising event to the Colorado School of Mines campus. Students are needed to fill various positions on the executive board from executive chairman to logistics chairman. The commitment is minimal but the reward

is tenfold. Students chosen for the executive board will attend a retreat / training this spring in preparation for the event in the fall. For more information or to pick up an application, stop by the student activities office or call Katie Schueth at 303.377.9987. Applications are due April 1.

Anonymous Right Brains (ARB)

Anonymous Right Brains (ARB) is moving to Wednesdays for the rest of the year. Starting last Wednesday, March 1st and every two weeks there after, ARB will be held on Wednes-

days at Higher Grounds at 14th Street and Washington. So come by on Wednesdays at 6:30 to sign up for our 7:00 Open Mic Session, and bring your friends.

Spring Clean Philanthropy

The Iota Zeta chapter of the sorority Alpha Phi at the Colorado School of Mines is doing it's annual spring clean philanthropy project and we are looking for your help. If you have any projects around the house that you don't want to do, then hand them over to us!

On the weekend of April 1st and 2nd we will be going around to people's houses and doing their spring cleaning for them in exchange

for a donation to our foundation. We ask for a donation of \$25 for 3 or 4 people per hour, but any donation is appreciated.

If you are interested please contact Katie Gallagher at 720-373-0222 or cgallagh@mines.edu with the day, time and project you would like. Please also include your address and phone number. Thank you for your support, we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Greek Weekend 2006

For five days, starting today Greek members will compete in various friendly competitions and attend exciting events all as apart of Greek Weekend 2006.

This annual event is designed to encourage Greek Unity and promote Greek Life. Several of the events require teams to have members from different chapters while other events are open to the entire campus.

The theme for this year's Greek Weekend is One Heaven, One Hell, One Weekend.

Penny Wars is an event where each chapter will be given a bucket for pennies and all other change to be collected during the week. The

buckets will be on a table in the Student Center Lobby. The goal is to collect as much money as possible. Chapters should place pennies in their chapter bucket and all silver change in the other chapter's buckets. The team with the highest point total at the end of the week wins. All money collected will be given to the Christopher Reeves Foundation.

Chapters will also participate in the banner competition. Each chapter will make a banner to display on the outside of their house throughout Greek Weekend. There is no size limit to the banners. Banners must reflect the Greek Weekend theme, One

Heaven One Hell One Wee Banners will be judged on (1) creativity (2) originality (3) incorporation of theme (4) quality and effort (5) display of Greek Unity. The winners of the banner competition will be announced at the Awards Brunch Sunday.

Sports and healthy competition is an important part of Greek Weekend. Volleyball courts will be set up on Kafadaar Commons on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The courts are open to anyone.

Please respect the equipment. Greek Weekend will also include a Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby and a Flag Football Tournament.

Greek Weekend is pleased to sponsor the Sigma Nu Charity Bowl - a dodge ball tournament fund-raiser. Non-Greek teams are encouraged to enter a team into the Charity Bowl. All money raised from the event will be donated.

In addition to sports, Greek Weekend will include social events such as Greek-a-palooza.

This event is free and open to campus. Come here local (we mean really local) bands play.

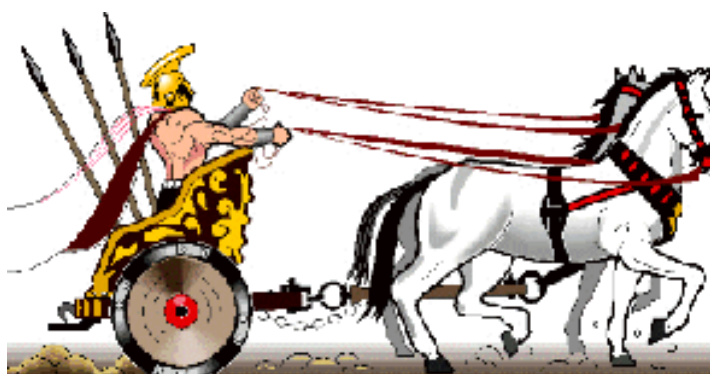
Finally, Greek Weekend will end with the Morning After Awards Brunch. Chapters will be recognized for outstanding achievement in various areas from service to scholarship.

For more information about Greek Weekend or any of the events, please email rhubis@mines.edu or call 303.273.3970 or stop by Student Activities.

GREEK OLYMPICS MARCH 11

11:30 AM IM FIELDS

The Greek Olympics is a competition between each of the chapters in which each chapter will compete in an obstacle course, tug of war, an egg joust, and an angel food/devil food cake eating contest. The Obstacle Course will consist of a penguin race, a trident throw, a sack race, balloon shave, Greek puzzle, and McDonalds race. The Tug-O-War will be a single elimination tournament consisting of teams with no more than ten participants. The Egg Joust will be a single elimination tournament consisting of teams of two, one male and one female. The Angel Food/Devil Food Cake eating contest will be a timed event with the participants placed as they finish.



Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 8

All Day Penny Wars
9:00 PM Kick-Off Bash

Student Center
Jillian's @ Colorado Mills

Thursday, March 9 - Heaven

All Day Banner Competition
All Day Penny Wars
All Day Volleyball Games
4:00 PM Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby
6:00 PM All Greek Dinner
9:30 PM Movie Night - King Kong

Chapter Houses
Student Center
Kafadaar Commons
IM Fields
Friedhoff Hall
Student Center - Ballrooms

Friday, March 10 - Hell

All Day Penny Wars
All Day Spirit Day (Wear your G.W. Shirt!!)
All Day SDAS Wellness Day
All Day Volleyball Games
11:00 am Derby & Dogs
5:00 PM FAC
6:00 PM Flag Football Tournament
8:00 PM Greek-a-palooza

Student Center - Lobby
Student Center
Student Center
Kafadaar Commons
IM Fields
I-Club
IM Fields
Field House

Saturday, March 11- Heaven & Hell

All Day Penny Wars
All Day Volleyball Games
All Day Charity Bowl
11:30 am Greek Olympics
8:00 PM Heaven & Hell Party with Pool Party!

Student Center - Lobby
Kafadaar Commons
Field House
IM Fields
Field House/Gym

Sunday, March 12

11:30 am Morning After Awards Brunch with Photo Contest Judging

Friedhoff Hall

*Dates, times and locations subject to change
** Depending on weather!

Commanders in Greek

By Tim Taylor

So you're walking down 6th Avenue or along Highway 58 and you see a group of strapping youths cleaning the trash from the road or you're walking through downtown Golden and you see some fellow Miner's cleaning a store or helping decorate for an event and you think to yourself, "wow those Greeks really give back to the community; but what do they do for our school?"

Greek life on campus is structured to participate in and around campus. Because of this structure, many see Greeks helping in the community but can't see what's going on behind the scenes.

Members of fraternities or sororities are active in various clubs, tutoring programs (on campus and at other schools), IM sports, and holding office positions.

Based on the list of current officers

from ASCSM, MAC, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman class student body's, it is quite clear that Greeks "rule the school." Out of the 33 officers on this list, 17 represent Greek life with four president positions out of the six clubs.

The ASCSM officers will be leaving soon and we would like to thank all of those, Greek or not, who have helped make our community and school better and more entertaining.

This dominance of officer positions in various clubs/organizations across campus shows that Greeks are not only involved around campus, but also help run student life.

Greek life on campus strives to make the Colorado School of Mines and the city of Golden a better place by involvement throughout our little community. Without them, life wouldn't be as sweet.

Lets Go Into the Streets

The Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines would like to invite you to participate in Into the Streets. Into the Streets is a campus-wide community service day scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 8am till 1pm at Kafadar Commons.

After a kick-off speaker and breakfast in the morning, all participants will receive a free t-shirt, sack lunch, and an assigned service project. Some of the service activities include:

- Volunteering at a retirement center
- Repairing a playground and fixing up Mount Saint Vincent's Home
- Yard work around Golden
- Painting the kitchen and living areas of the Salvation Army House
- Playing with Children at the Bethany Healthplex
- Organizing and selling at the Habitat for Humanity Outlet Stores
- Planting trees for Earth Day

This event is sure to be a rewarding and fun time. You can sign up as individual/group of friends or as an organization.

Separate sign-up sheets for individuals and for organizations will be available at the Student Activities office front desk and at a table during lunch two weeks prior to the event. For individuals or groups of friends, you can e-mail Emily Milian at emilian@mines.edu with the following information:

- Name
- Mines e-mail
- T-shirt size (will be adult sizes, so choose accordingly)

- Dietary Needs (It is important to provide the proper food for vegetarians.)

- If you can drive (or if a participating friend can drive you)

Individual Sign-up is due April 14.

Organization Sign-Up is due April 3.

If you have any questions, e-mail Tina Foley (kfoley@mines.edu) or Emily Milian (emilian@mines.edu),

or drop by the Student Activities Office.

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Brought to you by ASCSM.

INTO THE STREETS

**A Campus-Wide
Community Service Day**

**Saturday, April 22
8am till 1pm
Kafadar Commons**

You'll get:

**To hear a kick-off speaker, Eat breakfast,
A free t-shirt, And a snack for later**

**And you'll do an awesome
service project**

**Sign up with a club, residence hall, group of
friends, IM team, fraternity, whatever!!!**

**Individual Sign-up is due April 14.
Organization Sign-Up is due April 3.**



Alpha Phi
JOCK JAMS
DANCE PARTY

Where: Alpha Phi House

What: Dance Party!

Dress as a cheerleader or wear a jersey.

When: Friday March 31, 2006

Time: 8:00pm-10:00pm



WHO DOESN'T LIKE FREE ICE CREAM?!

Your sophomore class officers would like to buy you FREE ICE CREAM!!!

When: Tuesday, March 28th

(the week after Spring Break)

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Where: Goldstone at Denver West

First 200 people out get a voucher for free ice cream!!!

Don't forget your BlasterCard!!!

Questions?!

Email: Wendy Breat: nbreat@mines.edu



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Kabuki Congress

Courtesy of the New York Times

Imagine being stopped for speeding and having the local legislature raise the limit so you won't have to pay the fine. It sounds absurd, but it's just what is happening to the 28-year-old law that prohibits the president from spying on Americans without getting a warrant from a judge.

It's a familiar pattern. President Bush ignores the Constitution and the laws of the land, and the cowardly, rigidly partisan majority in Congress helps him out by rewriting the laws he's broken.

In 2004, to take one particularly disturbing example, Congress learned that American troops were abusing, torturing and killing prisoners, and that the administration was illegally detaining hundreds of people at camps around the world. The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Warner, huffed and puffed about the abuse, but did nothing. And when the courts said the detention camps do fall under the laws of the land, compliant lawmakers simply changed them.

Now the response of Congress to Mr. Bush's domestic wiretapping scheme is following the same pattern, only worse.

At first, lawmakers expressed outrage at the warrantless domestic spying, and some Democrats and a few Republicans still want a full investigation. But the Republican leadership has already reverted to form. Senator Arlen Specter, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has held one investigative hearing, notable primarily for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales's refusal to answer questions.

Mr. Specter then loyally produced a bill that actually grants legal cover, retroactively, to the one spying program Mr. Bush has acknowledged. It also covers any other illegal wiretapping we don't know about — including, it appears, entire "programs" that could cover hundreds, thousands or millions of unknowing people.

Mr. Specter's bill at least offers the veneer of judicial oversight from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. A far more noxious proposal being floated by Senator Mike DeWine, Republican of Ohio, would entirely remove intelligence gathering related to terrorism from the law on spying, known as the Foreign Intel-

ligence Surveillance Act.

Let's call this what it is: a shell game. The question is whether the Bush administration broke the law by allowing the National Security Agency to spy on Americans and others in the United States without obtaining the required warrant. The White House wants Americans to believe that the spying is restricted only to conversations between agents of Al Qaeda and people in the United States. But even if that were true, which it evidently is not, the administration has not offered the slightest evidence that it could not have efficiently monitored those Qaeda-related phone calls and e-mail messages while following the existing rules.

In other words, there is not a shred of proof that the illegal program produced information that could not have been obtained legally, had the administration wanted to bother to stay within the law.

The administration has assured the nation it had plenty of good reason, but there's no way for Congress to know, since it has been denied information on the details of the wiretap program. And Senator Pat Roberts, the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, seems bent on making sure it stays that way. He has refused to permit a vote on whether to investigate the spying scandal.

There were glimmers of hope on the House side. Representative Heather Wilson, the New Mexico Republican who heads one of the subcommittees supervising intelligence, called for a "painstaking" review of the necessity and legality of the spying operation. But the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Peter Hoekstra, is turning that into a pro forma review that would end with Congress rewriting the foreign-intelligence law the way Mr. Bush wants.

Ms. Wilson still says that the House needs to get the facts before it rewrites the law, and we hope she sticks to it. But she's facing a tough race this fall, and her staff has already started saying that, well, she never called for "an investigation," just "an oversight review."

Putting on face paint and pretending that illusion is reality is fine for Kabuki theater. Congress should have higher standards.

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Iran's Best Friend

Courtesy of the New York Times

At the rate that President Bush is going, Iran will be a global superpower before too long. For all of the axis-of-evil rhetoric that has come out of the White House, the reality is that the Bush administration has done more to empower Iran than its most ambitious ayatollah could have dared to imagine. Tehran will be able to look back at the Bush years as a golden era full of boosts from America, its unlikely ally.

During the period before the Iraq invasion, the president gave lip service to the idea that Iran and Iraq were both threats to American security. But his advisers, intent on carrying out their long-deferred dream of toppling Saddam Hussein, gave scant thought to what might happen if their plans did not lead to the unified, peaceful, pro-Western democracy of their imaginings. The answer, though, is now rather apparent: a squabbling, divided country in which the Shiite majority in the oil-rich south finds much more in common with its fellow Shiites in Iran than with the Sunni Muslims

with whom it needs to form an Iraqi government.

Washington has now become dangerously dependent on the good will and constructive behavior of Shiite fundamentalist parties that Iran sheltered, aided and armed during the years that Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq. In recent weeks, neither good will nor constructive behavior has been particularly evident, and if Iran chooses to stir up further trouble to deflect diplomatic pressures on its nuclear program, it could easily do so.

There is now a real risk that Iraq, instead of being turned into an outpost of secular democracy challenging the fanatical rulers of the Islamic republic to its east, could become an Iranian-aligned fundamentalist theocracy, challenging the secular Arab regimes to its west.

Fast-forward to Thursday's nuclear deal with India, in which President Bush agreed to share civilian nuclear technology with India despite its nuclear weapons programs and its refusal to sign the Nuclear Nonpro-

liferation Treaty.

This would be a bad idea at any time, rewarding India for flouting the basic international understanding that has successfully discouraged other countries from South Korea to Saudi Arabia from embarking on their own efforts to build nuclear weapons. But it also undermines attempts to rein in Iran, whose nuclear program is progressing and unnerving both its neighbors and the West.

The India deal is exactly the wrong message to send right now, just days before Washington and its European allies will be asking the International Atomic Energy Agency to refer Iran's case to the United Nations Security Council for further action. Iran's hopes of preventing this depend on convincing the rest of the world that the West is guilty of a double standard on nuclear issues. Mr. Bush might as well have tied a pretty red bow around his India nuclear deal and mailed it as a gift to Tehran.

A Few Thoughts...

As far as I'm concerned, people should be absolutely outraged at what's happening with American liberties these days.

Does anybody see a trend? The administration will proclaim something ludicrous - say, weapons of mass destruction and the link between Iraq and Al-Qaeda - and then drop the entire subject for a couple weeks.

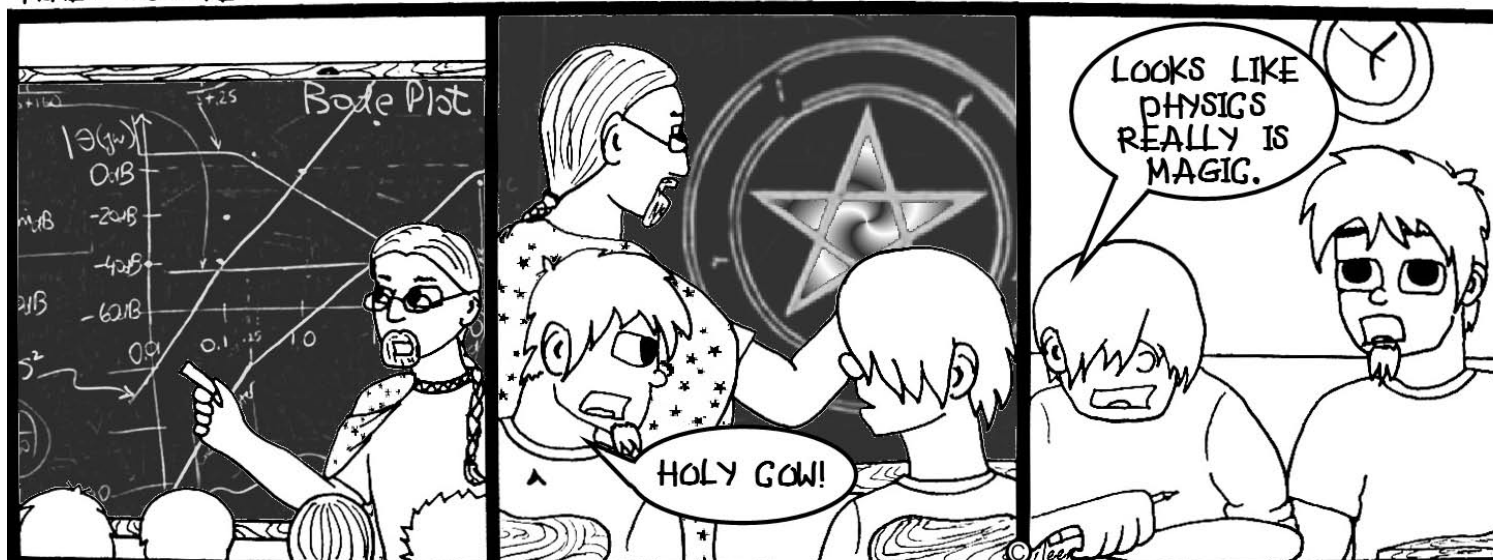
What really gets me is that the annoyingly stupid American populous

will bite at first - even though they should be marching on Washington - and then drop it because the WB came out with a new show! Where the hell are our priorities? Maybe people aren't fluent in the Constitution that grants them the right to be ignorant, but we've just seen - nay, allowed - a violation of the Bill of Rights by our own federal government?

Instead, the front page of Fox News Online talks about the South

Dakota governor and an abortion ban. So, just to make a point, let me see if I understand this one. America is more concerned with what some woman - in South Dakota no less - chooses to do with her own uterus than with what the President chooses to do with the Constitution of the United States of America. If people don't start getting vocal in a major way, Australia is starting to look pretty damn good.

MINES' GOGGLES



Worms in the Apple

Courtesy of the Los Angeles Times

The phenomenal popularity of the iPod is matched only by the ambition of the company that makes it. But as Apple Computer tries to push its devices and computers into the living room and beyond, it is facing many of the same risks that have long plagued PCs. And those risks should concern

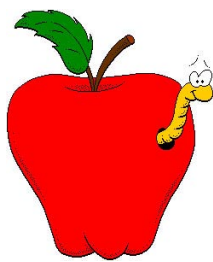
pranksters to profiteers, who make money by having armies of infected computers churn out spam, search for personal data or shut down websites. Nevertheless, the implication of the latest attacks is clear: No computer is really safe. And the biggest vulnerability isn't insecure operating systems, it's gullible users who install malicious software on their own machines — either because they are duped or, in the case of many spyware programs, they want to get something for nothing.

The stakes will get bigger as computers make their way from the den into the living room. This week Apple introduced an iPod-

powered boombox and two Macs that can integrate a TV set into a computer network, allowing TVs to play videos or songs stored anywhere in the home.

Microsoft has been trying for years to get into the home entertainment center, but Apple's knack for usability and its design flair more than offset its rival's head start.

Once millions of homes have computers powering their audio-visual systems, count on malicious coders to try to fill the TV screen with unwanted commercials and pop-up come-ons for knives that never need sharpening and investment schemes in Nigeria. Whether they succeed will depend not just on the operating systems in use but on how careful people are. Mac users, you've been warned.



That's starting to change. Computer security firms recently reported the first two Mac worms — malware that transmits itself automatically from computer to computer. They also reported a flaw in the latest Mac operating system that raised the chilling possibility of Web surfers being surreptitiously infected with software that hijacked their computers.

The situation is hardly as dire for Macs as it is for Windows PCs. There, the virus-writing craft has shifted from

As Colorado smokers and tobacco users consider making one of the most popular New Year's resolutions later this month, the time to quit has never been easier.

The Colorado Quitline, a free telephone service that helps callers quit smoking and using tobacco, announced Wednesday that it now is offering free nicotine replacement therapy in the form of patches to anyone who enrolls in the cessation program. The patch is considered to be one of the most effective cessation treatment options for addicted smokers and tobacco users.

The Colorado Quitline (1-800-639-QUIT) is a toll-free, telephone counseling service that connects people who want to quit smoking with trained counselors who can guide and support them through the quitting process. This service is free and available to Colorado residents in both English and Spanish, seven days a week. The service also is available for the deaf and hard-of-hearing at TTY: 800-659-2656.

Douglas H. Benevento, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's executive director, said, "We anticipate that the free, nicotine replacement therapy program will encourage more Coloradans to call the Quitline and, in turn, save many lives and ease the burden of health care costs to the

state. This innovative program is an important use of the state's tobacco tax dollars."

The Colorado Quitline is a program of the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership based at the Department of Public Health and

program. The program was initially funded through allocations from the Master Settlement Agreement and is now funded with revenue from Colorado's increased tobacco tax.

Karen DeLeeuw, director of the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership, urged Coloradans who want to quit using tobacco or are concerned about a family member or friend's tobacco use to call the Quitline. She explained that callers receive free support and advice from a specialist experienced in counseling on quitting smoking; a personalized quit plan and self-help materials; and

a four-week supply of nicotine patches, which will be delivered to their homes by mail.

According to DeLeeuw, an additional four-week supply of the patches can be obtained, provided callers remain in the Colorado Quitline cessation program. To be eligible for nicotine replacement therapy, callers must be at least 18 years of age.

The tobacco program director said the patch is one of the most commonly used nicotine replacement therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It is applied directly to the skin once a day and provides a steady dose of nicotine in a 16-24 hour period. The nicotine is absorbed through the skin into the bloodstream, maintaining an even level of nicotine without smoking. Over the quitting period, the strength of the patches is reduced until a person no longer needs to rely on the

patch at all.

According to smoking cessation experts, the benefit of nicotine replacement therapy far outweighs the risks of smoking. Nicotine is not proven to cause cancer and the other toxins in cigarettes are significantly more harmful than the risks associated with nicotine replacement therapy.

Tobacco use is one of Colorado's most serious public health problems. Responsible for more than 4,200 deaths annually, it is the state's leading cause of preventable death. Statistics show that more Coloradans die from smoking each year than AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, homicide, suicide, car accidents and fires combined. In addition, for each tobacco-related death, another 20 adults suffer from a tobacco-related illness.

Tobacco use also is responsible for large economic burdens in Colorado. With approximately 130,000 smokers developing smoking-related illnesses each year, annual healthcare costs in Colorado directly related to tobacco use exceed \$1 billion.

Quitline

State Tobacco Tax Funds Free Nicotine Patch and Cessation Counseling For Coloradans

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The American Lung Association has reported the following effects on an individual once they quit smoking.

20 Minutes - Blood pressure and pulse rate decrease

8 Hours - Carbon monoxide and oxygen levels in blood return to normal

1 Days - The likelihood of a heart attack decreases

2 Days - Nerve endings regenerate; sense of smell and taste are enhanced

2 Weeks - Circulation improves and lung function increases

1-9 Months - Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath decrease

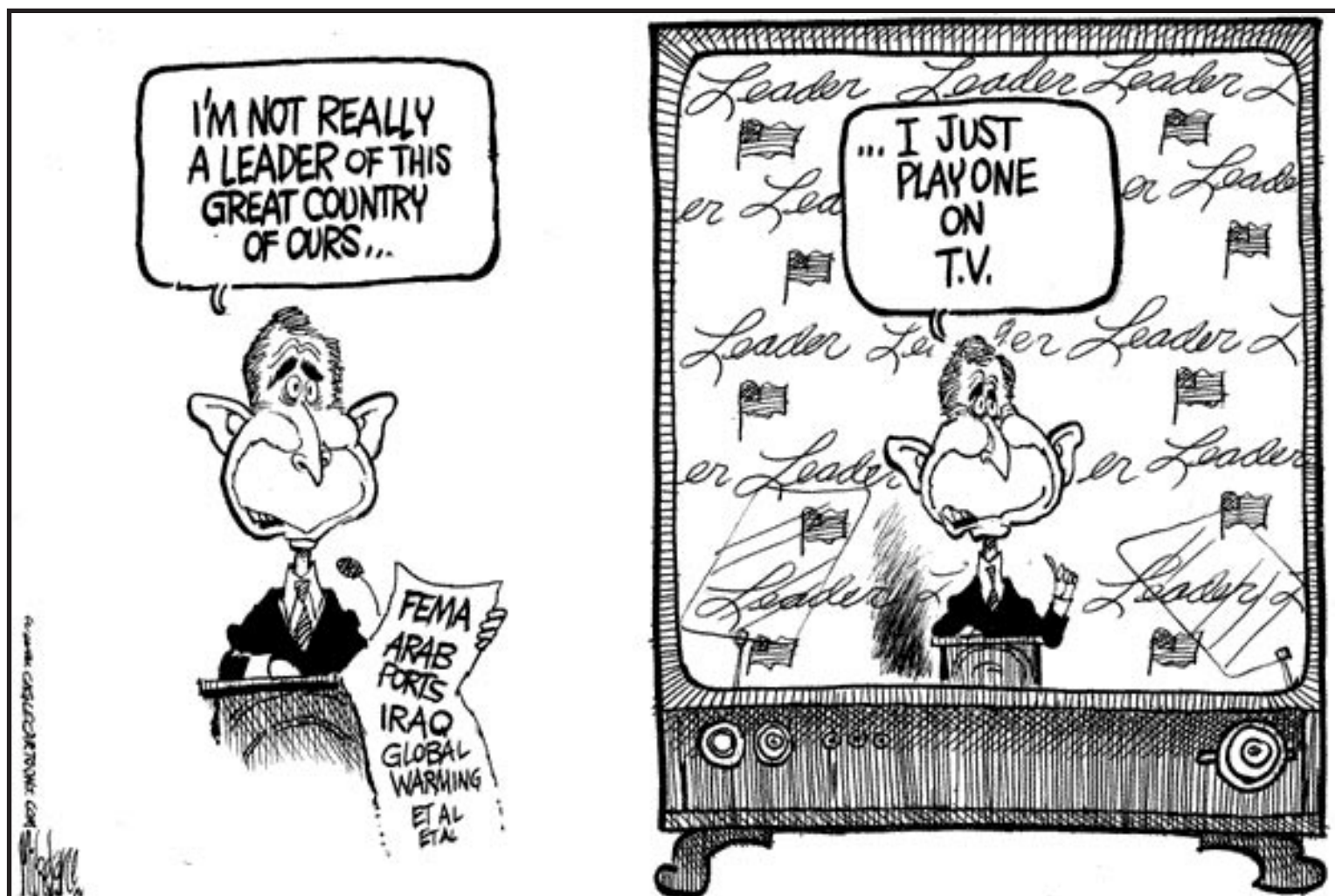
1 Year - The likelihood of heart attack is cut in half

5 Years - Stroke risk is reduced to the same levels as a non-smoker

10 Years - Risk of dying from lung cancer is about half that of a current smoker

15 Years - Risk of coronary heart disease and death become roughly equivalent to those who have never smoked

Environment. It is operated by the National Jewish Medical and Research Center under contract to the tobacco



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Arriving Shortly

March 10th

The Hills Have Eyes

Fox Searchlight Pictures
Horror, Rated R
Starring: Ted Levine, Kathleen Quinlan, Dab Byrd

Directed by Alexandre Aja

Summary: A family RV-ing through the desert of Nevada runs into some major trouble with mutated cannibal savages.

Impression: The plot may not seem like much when you read about it. But after watching the trailer a few times, I'm pretty sure this one will make your skin crawl. I assure this will be one of the better horror flicks for a while.

Failure To Launch

Paramount Pictures
Romantic Comedy,
Rated PG-13

Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Sara Jessica Parker, Kathy Bates, Terry Bradshaw

Directed by Tom Dey
(also directed *Shanghai Noon*)

Summary: Trip (McConaughey) is an athletic fun-loving gentleman who has one quirk: he still lives with his parents. His parents finally come up with a way to get him out of the house by getting a girlfriend for hire to motivate him.

Impression: Don't be weak on me and think this one is different from all the other cheesy chick flicks. If you really like chick flicks then be my guest, but I'm warning you otherwise.

The Libertine

The Weinstein Company
Drama, Rated R
Starring: Johnny Depp, Samantha Morton, John Malkovich

Directed by Laurence Dunmore

Summary: This is the story about John Wilmot, a 17th century poet and his life of trouble, drinking, and debauchery.

Impression: Johnny Depp is naturally talented and this movie has that "off the beaten path" vibe to it, which has always suited Mr. Depp's style. I would recommend this if you feel like going out on a limb a bit.

Shaggy Dog



Disney Pictures
Family, Rated PG

Starring: Tim Allen, Kristin Davis, Craig Kilborn

Directed by Brian Robbins (also directed *Ready to Rumble*)

Summary: A DA (Allen) accidentally gets infected with a serum that makes him turn into a dog. As a dog, he learns things about his family he never knew and struggles with the duality of two species.

Impression: It's official. They have literally taken dog shit, wrapped it up and are trying to sell it to you. If you see this with the intention that you think it will be good, then you should try nude sky-diving.



March 17th

V for Vendetta

Warner Bros.
Action/Drama, Rated R
Starring: Hugo Weaving, Natalie Portman, Rupert Graves

Directed by James McTeigue

Summary: A freedom fighter simply known as V (Weaving) fights the totalitarian establishment.

Impression: The famous Wachowski brothers are back and they got themselves a good action film to work with, but it won't measure up to *The Matrix*. If you're in the mood for some good action, this should fill you up right.

She's The Man

DreamWorks SKG
Comedy, Rated PG-13

Starring: Amanda Bynes, Laura Ramsey, Channing Tatum

Directed by Andy Fickman

Summary: Viola (Bynes) pretends to be her older brother for a few weeks in college in London. She begins to fall for one of her soccer teammates and becomes trapped in web of love affairs.

Impression: This story is based analogously on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." I think it'll have a few good jokes, but after a while you might see a repetition in the jokes. For these two weeks, this will be the best comedy to see.

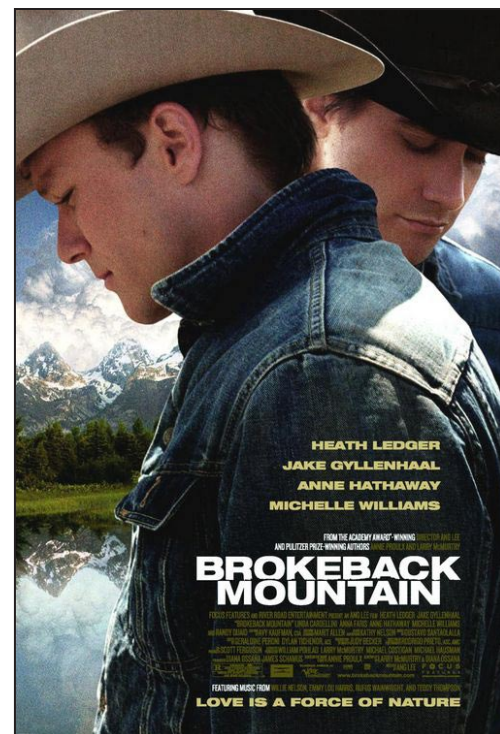
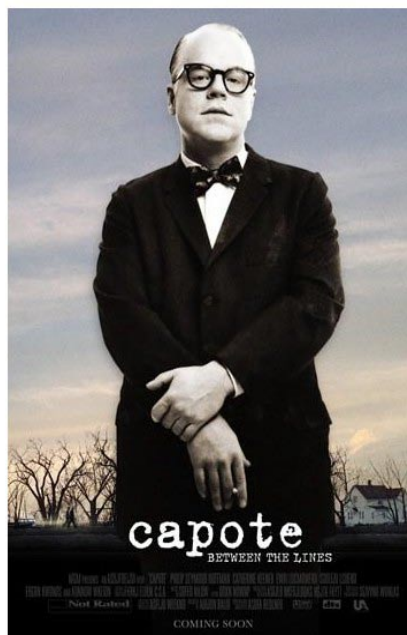
Happy and Gay 50% Accurate: Oscar Predictions

Chase Hoffman

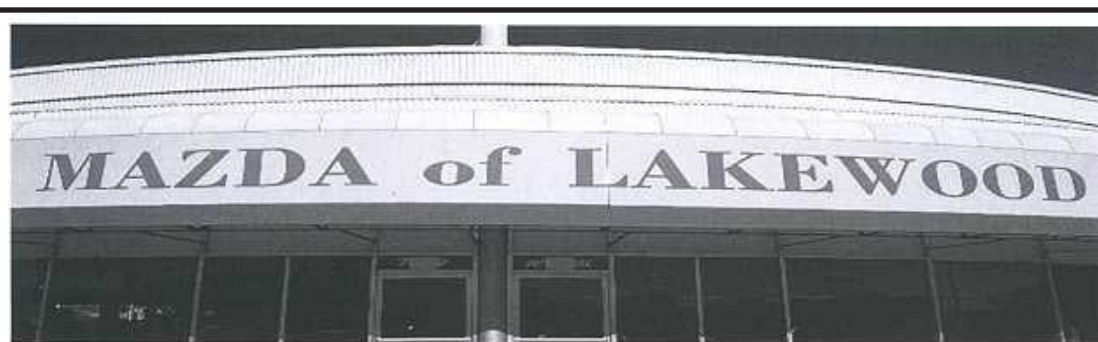
Some have nicknamed the 78th Academy Awards as the "Gay Oscars." *Capote* and *Brokeback Mountain* definitely laid down their mark this year. The usual trends continued with Peter Jackson returns with his crew to sweep the production value Oscars like Visual Effects and Sound Mixing in his remake of the 1931 clas-

sic *King Kong*. Probably the biggest surprise of the night was the Best Picture Award going to Paul Haggis' *Crash*. A lot of people expected (including myself) the semi-controversial love story, *Brokeback Mountain*.

On my predictions, I was only half accurate. I started off the night in the red with Clooney winning Best Supporting Actor for *Syriana*. Later on I redeemed myself with Rachel Weisz winning Best Supporting Actress for *The Constant Gardener*. In the final stretch, I nailed Best Actor and Best Actress in Leading Roles, Phillip Seymour Hoffman for *Capote* and Reese Witherspoon for *Walk the Line* respectively. Analyzing the



trends of Hollywood and all the hype I went for Ang Lee as Best Directing for *Brokeback Mountain* and Best Picture going to *Brokeback Mountain*. Again I was half right and felt the stun when *Crash* drove away with the most coveted Oscar.



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UNEARTH joins forces with Legendary Producer Terry Date

Tracking begins on March 8th with acclaimed producer Terry Date (Soundgarden, White Zombie, Pantera, Deftones, at Studio X (Alice in Chains, Nirvana, Pearl Jam) in Seattle. Terry Date will mix the record as well.

Unearth vocalist Trevor Phipps states, "If anyone were to tell me (when I was a kid) that my band was going to be doing a record with the guy that produced most of the Pantera, Deftones and Soundgarden records one day; I would have told them they were crazy. Working with Terry Date is another of the amazing accomplishments for us on a growing list of accomplishments. We have toured with Black Sabbath, Judas Priest, and Slayer and with Vinnie and Dime. We have toured

much of the world and we have shared the stage with all of the current heavy music leaders on all of the big modern day tours; and now, we are working with the leader of heavy music's producer and engineer, Terry Date. Unearth will forever sound like Unearth and we know Terry has an knack for bringing out the best qualities and sounds in the bands he works with and we could not be more stoked to work with him. There is no question that this next record will be our best to date."

Known for raising the bar; Unearth are prepared to release their new album on August 8th With a solid foundation of 130,000 records scanned in the U. S. of their monumental Metal Blade Records Debut the oncoming storm -this highly

anticipated recording will be the blueprint for setting the standard for Metal and beyond.

Unearth who proves themselves repeatedly, laying audiences to waste on previous tours such as the legendary lineup of Ozzfest 2004 with Judas Priest, Slayer, and Dimmu Borgir and Hatebreed; Atreyu, Sounds of the Underground 2005 with Lamb of God, Opeth and more; Slipknot and label mates As I Lay dying. Unearth took their relentless brand of metal overseas to pummel international audiences on the Download Festival in the UK and Rock Am Park in Germany.

Now, Unearth look forward to rolling out their huge tour plans for summer 2006- Look out!

Pretty In Purple

Chris Light

I pulled a double feature on Saturday. First, I saw *16 Blocks*, which I rather enjoyed. Bruce Willis is always a good decision. Then, I saw *Ultraviolet*. I'm convinced that I saw them in the right order, because the seizure that *Ultraviolet* gave me would have lasted straight through anything that came afterwards. This movie's speed is ludicrous. I had to take caffeine pills to calm down afterwards.

In the 21st century, a super-virus is discovered. Instead of working on a vaccine, we try to change it to our liking, and it eventually gets out....seriously, what the hell does the CDC even *do* anymore? The virus genetically modifies a portion of the population, giving them superhuman abilities, something I really wish happened every flu season (usually when I get strep throat, I transform into a wuss). The government declares them a health risk, and orders them to be exterminated. The lovely Violet (Milla Jovovich) is one of these "hemophages," and

is on a mission to save her kind from extinction. Her hair and clothing randomly change colors



throughout for no apparent reason other than to accentuate.

The movie is so ridiculous, that for the first few minutes, I was relieved it wasn't taking itself too seriously. It knows it's a comic book, and runs away with it...on steroids. The action is relentless. The first breather doesn't come for at least half an hour. In a way, it's a good thing: more action means less time for bullshit plot devices and techno-babble filler

(not that they aren't present).

The problem with constant action is that the novelty wears off. For those of you who have seen Kurt Wimmer's previous outing *Equilibrium*, the frenetic martial-arts style gunfighting returns. But while *Equilibrium* spreads out the action tastefully, *Ultraviolet* tries to overdose. She hacks and shoots through subordinates by the dozens at a time, to the point of being hypnotic in its repetitiveness. There is a rooftop fight scene where our heroine manages to defeat a squad of men by merely dodging bullets and letting them kill each other (by the twentieth guy, it stops being cool). Just as ridiculous are the scenes without action, like the scene preceding the shootout - an agonizingly long stare-off. Nothing is actually happening on-screen, but since the cameraman had to pee and runs around in circles, the illusion of action is created to fill in for too much action. And then, that damn action starts up again.

Violet's moves are supposed to get you excited and horny. Instead, watching the fight scenes becomes a chore. You keep track of the body count not to know how many she has killed, but to know how many are left - a sort of pseudo-timer until the credits.

Spring Breakers Choose Katrina relief

By Jeffrey Jones

It isn't the spring-break beach holiday most U.S. college students dream of, but with the shore still strewn with wreckage and homes in shambles from Hurricane Katrina, the Gulf Coast is the destination of choice for thousands like Greg Hall.

The 18-year-old University of Toledo engineering student is spending the week in ravaged Pass Christian, Mississippi, gutting and rebuilding houses along with 124

others from his Ohio school. Their holiday accommodation is a wind-battered auditorium jammed with cots and sleeping bags.

"This is better than lying on some beach," Hall said as he swatted at a cloud of tiny insects. "The devastation is amazing, but I'm in engineering so I'm looking at this as a way to see how things are built."

College kids from across the United States have answered the call to forsake March parties in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in favor of fixing and cleaning homes, schools and community centers in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The August 29 hurricane killed 1,300 people along the coast and in New Orleans and another 2,000 are still listed as missing. As many as 300,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

Along Interstate 90 through Pass Christian, Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, the effects are still staggering, with half-collapsed hotels, gas stations reduced to steel skeletons and scraped-up concrete pads where homes once stood.

Six months after the storm there is more than enough work for thousands of students from universities like Pennsylvania State, Howard, Rutgers, Washington and many more.

EXTRA HANDS

Hall is one of 7,000 marshaled by a group called Campus Crusade for Christ. The United Way and MTV are sending 100 spring breakers to Biloxi and Foley, Alabama.

Katrina On the Ground, supported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and National Urban League, hopes to recruit 1,000 African-American students by pointing out blacks accounted for 44 percent of storm victims.

Many students are paying their own way and some have held pledge drives to fund trips to sites where the work is hard and accommodations spartan.

The temporary influx in Pass Christian, a town of 6,500 people, has created few problems for locals despite scant resources, said Lieut. Greg Federico of the Harrison County Sheriff's Dept. Many displaced residents still live in green military tents.

"It means extra hands. And we absolutely need any help," he said. In fact, students began arriving just after Katrina and "they've been just working their butts off."



Attention: Clubs & Organizations Presidents

Please plan to attend one of the following mandatory meetings:

Wednesday, March 15 5:00 pm Ballroom D
Tuesday, March 28 5:00 pm Ballroom A

We will be discussing:

- Organization Awards
- Officer Transitions
- Budget Process & Request

Movie Night

Presented by MAC and Student Activities
9:30PM, Ballrooms A&B



March 9



March 16

Baseball Loses a Legend

Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett Suffers Stroke

Bruce Bugbee



Kirby Puckett at his Hall of Fame induction in 2001

Major League Baseball and its fans suffered a loss of one of the greatest players in recent memory on Monday. At age 44, Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett suffered a stroke at his Arizona home on Sunday and died the next day at St. Joseph's Hospital and

Medical Center in Phoenix.

Puckett spent his entire 12-year career with the small market Minnesota Twins. Over this span, Puckett was a 10-time All-Star, six-time Gold Glove recipient, AL Batting Champion, ALCS MVP, and led the Twins

to World Series victories in 1987 and 1991. His career was cut short at the able age of 36 by severe glaucoma which blinded him in his right eye. Puckett posted staggering career statistics of a .318 batting average and 2304 hits. In 2001, Puckett became only the 36th player in history to be inducted into the Hall of Fame their first year on the ballot.

As impressive as his on the field performance was, Puckett's greatness is derived more so from his effervescent personality and willingness to give. The chubby and loveable Puckett (he was 5'8" and weighed 210 lbs) engaged in numerous acts of philanthropy, including the creation of the Twins Rookie League, a youth baseball organization for inner city children, and the Puckett Scholar's Program, a scholarship program for minority students. The annual Kirby Puckett Celebrity 8-Ball Invitational, another one of Puckett's many selfless endeavors, has raised millions of dollars for children in need of life-saving heart surgery.

Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad was quoted saying, "This is a sad day for the Minnesota Twins, Major League Baseball and baseball fans everywhere."

Puckett is survived by his two children Kirby Jr. and Catherine and his fiancée Jodi Olson. Funeral arrangements are to be determined.

CSM Sweeps

Western Oregon

GOLDEN, Colo. - The Colorado School of Mines baseball team ran its win streak to four games with a pair of wins over Western Oregon in non-conference action Monday afternoon at CSM Field.

The Orediggers are now 7-10 overall, while the Wolves, who were tied for third in the latest West Regional Poll and who also took three of four games at Mesa State over the weekend, fall to 8-6.

In the opener, CSM scored four runs in the sixth inning to break open a 5-3 lead. Junior Matt Thome (Española, N.M./Los Alamos) won his third straight game and improved to 3-1 this season as he fired a complete game, eight hitter. He allowed four runs, while striking out six and walking just one.

Sophomore designated hitter Caleb Rudkin (Fort Collins, Colo./Fort Collins), junior first baseman Tully Gallagher (Red Lodge, Mont./Red Lodge) and sophomore catcher Mike Deal (Highlands Ranch, Colo./Thun-

derRidge) all drove in two runs, while Rudkin also scored two times.

In the nightcap, CSM raced out to a 6-1 lead after two innings and rode a complete game effort from sophomore Michael Svejcar (Arvada, Colo./Ralston Valley) to another win. The southpaw allowed eight hits and struck out five while walking just one.

Junior third baseman Joel D'Cristina (Pueblo, Colo./Pueblo Central) went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in, while Gallagher and sophomore shortstop Matt Owens (Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge) drove in two runs apiece. Rudkin also scored two runs in game two.

CSM is slated to return to action with a four game series at home against New Mexico Highlands this weekend. The first game is scheduled for Friday at 3:00 pm and will be the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

ORC Welcomes

New Member

Robert Conley



Year: Freshman
Major: Engineering Physics
Hometown: Palatine, IL
Position(s): Office Manager
Favorite Activity (Outdoor): Hiking/Backpacking
Favorite Activity (Indoor): Hanging out with friends
Preferred Trail Food: Lasagna
Interesting Fact: Cross Country and Track runner for CSM

Men's Hoops Loses in

Tourney Semifinals



PUEBLO, Colo. - The seventh-seeded Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team saw its season come to an end with a 74-61 setback to third-seeded Nebraska-Kearney in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

SHOOTOUT semifinals Saturday afternoon at the Colorado State Fair and Events Center.

CSM, which was playing in the semifinals for the first time since 1996, finishes the season at 15-14 overall.

The Lopers (22-7), who led 36-20 at halftime, advance to the RMAC SHOOTOUT Finals to face fourth-seeded Metro State on Sunday at 12:00 pm in Pueblo. The Roadrunners advanced with a win over top-seeded Fort Hays State in Saturday's other semifinal.

CSM was led by freshman guard Kyle Pape (Honolulu, Hawaii/Iolani) who scored 20 points and added four assists. Junior guard Franklin Ryk (Fort Collins, Colo./Rocky Mountain) added 19 points and seven boards for the Orediggers.

UNK's Dusty Jura tallied 25 points, seven boards and four steals, while James Lane chipped in 17 markers and five assists.

For his efforts in the semifinals, Pape was named to the RMAC SHOOTOUT All-Tournament Team becoming the first men's basketball player from CSM to earn All-Tournament honors since Raul Varela in 1996.

Pape was joined on the squad by Jeremy Atwater of Fort Hays State, Jesse Wagstaff and Drew Williamson of Metro State and Chris Dean and Dusty Jura of Nebraska-Kearney. Jura was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player after leading the Lopers to a 71-68 win over Metro State in the championship game.

Softball Winless

in RMAC

CSM Women Fall to 4-8

KEARNEY, Neb. - The Colorado School of Mines softball team fell to 4-8 overall and 0-8 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with four losses this past weekend to Nebraska-Kearney.

Mines was unable to come away with a win this past weekend in Kearney, Neb. as they pushed two games to extra innings and had one decided by only one run.

The Orediggers dropped their first game of the weekend on Saturday 12-3 but bounced back, battling with the Lopers in the next three

losing all by only one. The second game on Saturday ended in the eighth inning with the Lopers on top 8-7. Sunday was just about the same as Kearney was able to win both games, 8-7 and 4-3.

Brittany McKenzie led Mines in the third game, hitting four for three with three RBI's while Brianne Brinnan, went a perfect 3-3 hitting in the final game ending with two RBI's.

The Orediggers will continue their road games this next weekend with two double headers against CSU-Pueblo on Saturday and Sunday.

Mines Women Loses to CSU-Pueblo



PUEBLO, Colo. - The eighth-seeded Colorado School of Mines women's basketball team saw its magical run come to an end with a 65-54 setback to sixth-seeded Colorado State-Pueblo in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference SHOOTOUT Championship on Sunday afternoon at the Colorado State Fair and Events Center.

CSM, the first No. 8 seed to win a game in the RMAC Tournament, finishes its season at 16-14 overall, while CSU-Pueblo earned the automatic berth from the RMAC to the NCAA

Division II Tournament.

The Orediggers were led by senior center Ashley Gronewoller (Pagosa Springs, Colo./Pagosa Springs) who totaled 25 points and 12 rebounds and set the CSM single season record for points and the CSM career record for field goals made. Junior guard Iva Tomova (Varna, Bulgaria/Northeastern JC) added 11 points and six boards for CSM.

Both Gronewoller and Tomova were named to the All-Tournament Team.

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Alpha Phi Omega

Nat'l co-ed service frat. dedicated to leadership, friendship & service. Sun. 7:00, SC 236. Everyone welcome! dschneid@mines.edu.

Anime Club

Need to get away from reality for a while & see a large robot step on a school? Showings on some Wed. nights. adreed@mines.edu.

ASA

Asian Student Association. Interested in Asian issues, culture, food? You DON'T have to be Asian! bnguyen@mines.edu.

Astronomy Club

Like Space? Want to learn more about the night sky? Come join the Astronomy Club for semi-weekly meetings in MH375 at 9:15. Questions? mgefh@mines.edu

Ballroom Dance

Learn to swing dance! Lindy, Shag, and Balboa. Beginners Welcome! Thurs @ 8:30 pm in SC-D, E. contact: Terri, twagner@mines.edu.

CCC

Campus Crusade for Christ. Thurs. @ 8 in SC-D. Everyone welcome, join for worship @ 7 before meetings.

Creative Arts Club

Art shows, gallery hopping, local music and more! You don't have to be an artist! Take a break from school and see what we're doing at www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/crarts email: cac@mines.edu.

Circle K Int'l

Circle K is a volunteer org. helping people. Got tons of projects, just need you! 1st & 3rd Tues. 7 SC-B gwoods@mines.edu.

Dance Team

Interested in dancing? Offers both beginning and advanced classes in: jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and tap. Times & directions akeller@mines.edu or anehlet@mines.edu.

Earthworks

Earthworks, environmental club. Recycling, trail clean-ups, tie-dye & plant sale, Earth Day celebration & more. earthworks@mines.edu.

EBW

Engineers for a Better World. Do engineering projects to help struggling people worldwide. 1st&3rd Tues. SC-C nlagher@mines.edu.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Weds. 7:30 SC-D&E. All welcome. jabryant@mines.edu.

ISO

International Student Organization. representing interests of internationals. International Office (1404 Maple St.) Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449.

Investment Club

Learn what "Pay Yourself First" really means. Tue. 3-4PM AH 362 or 151 depending on availability. corn_daddy@hotmail.com.

Karate Club

Mon. & Wed. 6:30-7:30 Wrestling room. All welcome, beg. to adv. 303-215-6131 epece@mines.edu.

Kayak Club

Pool sessions Mons. 8-9PM. All welcome, beg. to adv. mwisniew@mines.edu.

Kendo Club

*** NEW TIME ***

Where: Field House

When: Wednesday, January 25, 2005 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Anyone who is interested should attend; we will provide all the information necessary. Practice is open to all skill levels, no experience necessary. A great opportunity to exercise, improve coordination, and have fun.

MSEC

Material Science Engineering club. All majors invited to join. jnekuda@mines.edu.

Newman Group

Catholic Newman Group. Tues. 8:30 p.m. Ted Adams room (GC). All, regardless of beliefs or affiliation, are welcome ccooper@mines.edu.

ORC

Outdoor Rec. Center. Recreation, equipment and lessons. Visit ORC next to C3 store in Mines Park. Hours: Mon. Wed. and Fri. from 10-6, Tues. and Thurs. from 12-6. 303-273-3184

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Phi Beta Delta

Honor society dedicated to recognizing the scholarly achievement of international students on the Mines campus and American students who have studied abroad. Meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays in SH102 at noon. For information contact Matt Donnelly, madonnel@mines.edu.

Robotics Club

Every 1st & 3rd Tues BB 206. atodd@mines.edu.

Rugby

No height, weight or age requirements. Great social life. Excellent way to continue a contact sport. rugby@mines.edu.

SBE

Students in Bioengineering. Use skills to influence medicine & other bioengineering realms. See opportunities, including BELS minor & local industry. biostudents@mines.edu.

SCA

Students for Creative Anachronism. Fencing meets Thurs. 7-9 in the Field House. Belly & court dance Tues. 7-9 in SC. kyrlee@mines.edu.

Snowboard Club

Open to anyone who wants to make tracks. Great benefits, competition and parties. jkopp@hotmail.com.

Sigma Lambda

1st and 3rd Tuesays of Every Month Student Center -- 236 EVERYONE WELCOME: gay, bisexual, transgendered & allies. sigmalambda@mines.edu.

SHPE

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Guest Speakers, Heritage Awareness and more. Every second Friday at noon. esalas@mines.edu.

Ski Bums

Like to Ski? People to ski with, fun activities & trips. Great ski deals & a great time. jtebeest@mines.edu 303-877-7343.

Ski Team

Continue racing in a relaxed environment or just an excuse to go skiing more. Join Ski Team! rcahenhe@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers

Need a ride home on Fri. or Sat. night between 9 pm & 3 am? Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program 303-279-9951. Must be within 15 min. of campus.

SWE

Society of Women Engineers. Hear from speakers in industry, universities etc. on topics affecting women & students at Mines. Weds. 12 CO 209 kmutersp@mines.edu.

SPE

Society of Petroleum Engineers, Prof. org. Learn about the technology & business aspects used in the petroleum industry. magallag@mines.edu.

Club Tennis

New members welcome for info, email astoddar@mines.edu.

Most club web pages can be accessed through http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/ or by searching the www.mines.edu website.

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Emergency Resources

All Life-Threatening Emergencies: 911
Public Safety
Public safety concerns, suspicious incidents, crimes & emergencies 1812 Illinois Street (NW corner of Elm and 17th) 303-273-3333 24/7
Student Health Center
Routine medical and dental issues 1225 17th Street (SE corner of Elm and 17th) 303-273-3381 8 am -12 pm & 1 pm - 4:45 pm M-F
Student Development Services
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Announcement

Latter-day Saint Student Association. Religion classes M-Th, noon - 1:00. Guest Speaker and lunch on Friday at noon. Everyone welcome, meet at 1212 Arapahoe St. For information, sashley@mines.edu or call 303 216-9233.

Attention: Clubs & Organizations Presidents

Please plan to attend one of the following mandatory meetings:

Wednesday, March 15 5:00 pm Ballroom D
Tuesday, March 28 5:00 pm Ballroom A

We will be discussing:

- Organization Awards
- Officer Transitions
- Budget Process & Request



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